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1 Review of Statistics

1.1 Steps of problem solving

1. give an question
2. set out a model
3. propose the estimator
4. check whether the estimator is good
5. if good, how to do inference?(confidence interval, hypothesis testing)

1.2 Problem solving example

Question: Average income in Canada

1.2.1 Model

- a** Probability model: $X = \text{income}$ and $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ while μ is known and σ^2 is unknown.
- b** Sample is $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and assume a random sample iid(identically independently distribution)
- Identically:** same population
- Independently:** known about first guy provide no information about the next one.

1.2.2 Propose an Estimator

Definition 1.1. A statistics is a function of the data.

Definition 1.2. An estimator is a statistic that is used to guess the parameter of interest

In this question, parameter of interest is μ

Proposed estimator: sample average: $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

1.2.3 Is this a good estimator?

To answer this we need to know the sampling distribution of the estimator

How do we find the sample distribution?

$$E[\bar{X}_n] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \frac{1}{n} n \cdot \mu = \mu$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{X}_n$ is an unbiased estimator of μ

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(\bar{X}_n) &= Var\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right), iid \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

An estimator is called **consistent** when its sampling distribution becomes more and more concentrated around the parameter of interest as the sample size increase.

Note that \bar{X}_n is a consistent estimator of μ : $Var(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0, as n \rightarrow \infty$

What about $\bar{X}_n \sim ?$ Fact:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_1 &\sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \\
 Y_2 &\sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \\
 \Rightarrow Y_1 + Y_2 &\sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2cov(y_1, y_2)) \\
 \bar{X}_n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

1.2.4 how to do inference

CI: where the parameter is likely to lie in relation to the estimate

Fact:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] = 0, Var(Y) = \sigma^2 &\Rightarrow Z = \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}, E[Z] = 0, Var(Z) = 1 \\
 Z &= \frac{\bar{X}_n - E[\bar{X}_n]}{\sqrt{Var(\bar{X}_n)}} = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \sim N(0, 1) \\
 1 - \alpha &= P(-Z_{\alpha/2} \leq Z \leq Z_{\alpha/2}) \\
 &= P(-Z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \leq Z_{\alpha/2}) \\
 &= P(\bar{X}_n - Z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X}_n + Z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) \\
 (1 - \alpha)\%CI &= [\bar{X}_n - Z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X}_n + Z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}]
 \end{aligned}$$

2 Simple Regression - Model, Estimate OLS, Properties of OLS

2.1 Econometric model

(Y,X,U) are random variables with joint distribution: $y = g(x, u)$

- Y: dependent variable
- X: explanatory variable
- U: unobserved variable

Facts:

- Summations:

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})y_i$$

- Law of iterated expectations: $E(y) = E[E(Y|X)]$

Want to know: $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}|_v$

2.1.1 SLR Assumption 1: linear in parameters

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \beta_1$$

parameters (β_0, β_1)

E.g

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^2 + u \implies \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 2\beta_1 x$$

$$\log(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x) + u \implies \frac{\partial \log(y)}{\partial \log(x)} = \beta_1 \approx \frac{\Delta y\%}{\Delta x\%}$$

2.1.2 SLR Assumption 2: Zero Conditional Mean

$$1. E[U|X] = E[U]$$

$$2. E[U]=0$$

E.g.1 $y = \text{wage}$, $x = \text{training program}$, $u = \text{abilities}$

If training is assigned randomly

\implies X and U are fully independent

\implies A2.1 implies

E.g.2 $y = \text{wage}$, $x = \text{education}$, $u = \text{abilities}$

$$E[U|x=0] \neq E[U|X=1]$$

\implies A2.1 is violated

Implication of A1 and A2

$$\begin{aligned} E[y|x] &\stackrel{A1}{=} E[\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u|x] \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 E[x] + E[u|x] \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + E[u] \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \\ &\implies E[y|x] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \end{aligned}$$

conditional expectation is called regression function

2.1.3 SLR Assumption 3: Random Sample

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ i.i.d

2.1.4 SLR Assumption 4: No Perfect Collinearity

$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ are not all the same (sample variation)

2.2 Estimate OLS

Idea: choose your estimator of β_0 and β_1 to minimize the sum of the square of the errors.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min Q(b_0, b_1) &= \min \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)^2 \\
 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial b_0} &= - \sum_i^n 2(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) = 0 \quad (i) \\
 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial b_1} &= - \sum_i^n 2(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) x_i = 0 \\
 \text{From (i)} \quad \frac{\sum y_i}{N} - \frac{\sum \hat{\beta}_0}{N} - \frac{\sum \hat{\beta}_1 x_i}{N} &= 0 \\
 \bar{y} - \frac{N \cdot \hat{\beta}_0}{N} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} &= 0 \\
 \implies \hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \quad (ii) \\
 \text{From (i)-(ii)} \quad \sum_i (y_i - (\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}) - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) x_i &= 0 \\
 \implies \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y} - (\hat{\beta}_1 (\bar{x} - x_i))) x_i &= 0 \\
 \implies \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y}) x_i - \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x}) x_i &= 0 \\
 \implies \hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{\sum x_i (y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum x_i (x_i - \bar{x})} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Properties of OLS - Is OLS a good estimator?

2.3.1 Expected value of $\hat{\beta}_1$

conditional on x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\hat{\beta}_1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] &= E[\beta_1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \\
 &= \beta_1 + E[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \\
 &= \beta_1 + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - \bar{x}) u_i | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \\
 &= \beta_1 + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) E[u_i | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \\
 &\implies E[\hat{\beta}_1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] = \beta_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Law of iterated expectations: $E[y] = E[E[y|x]]$

i.e average the average given by groups $\implies E[\hat{\beta}_1] = E[E[\hat{\beta}_1 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]] = E[\beta_1]$ by LIE

2.3.2 Variance of $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(\hat{\beta}_1) &= Var(\beta_1 + \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}) = Var(\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{[\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^2} \cdot Var(\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i) \\
 Var(\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n Var(x_i - \bar{x})u_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 Var(u_i | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 Var(u_i | x_i) \\
 &\stackrel{A5}{=} \sigma_u^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\
 Var(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \frac{1}{[\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^2} \cdot \sigma_u^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_u^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.4 SLR Assumption 5: Homoscedasticity

$$Var(u|x) = \sigma_u^2 \implies Var(y|x) = Var(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u|x) = Var(u|x) = \sigma_u^2$$

2.5 Gauss-Markov Theorem

Under assumption A1-A5, OLS(Ordinary Least Square) is BLUE(Best Linear Unbiased Estimator)

2.6 Standard Error

$$\text{let } \hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

$$\text{and } \hat{u}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

$$\text{Define } \hat{\sigma}_u^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i^2)$$

$$\text{Standard Error: } se(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

(without hat on σ_u^2 would be sd of $\hat{\beta}_1$)

2.7 Algebraic Properties of OLS

- $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i = 0$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i x_i = 0$
- $R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST} \in [0, 1]$ where $SSR = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i^2)$, $SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

3 Multi-Linear Regression

3.1 MLR Assumption1-Assumption4

- MLR Assumption 1: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u = [1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k] \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix} + u \implies y = X\beta + u$
- MLR Assumption 2: $E[u|x_1, \dots, x_n] = 0$
- MLR Assumption 3: IID Data $\{y_i, x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{ki} \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$
- MLR Assumption 4: No perfect Collinearity - There is no exact linear relationship among the explanatory variables

E.g of perfect collinearity:

y = share of votes for A

x_1 = Advertisement Expenditure for A x_2 = Adv. Expenditure for B x_3 = Total Adv. Expenditure

$$y \uparrow = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 \uparrow + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u$$

$$x_3 = x_1 \uparrow + x_2 \downarrow, x_3 \text{ not } \perp x_1$$

$$y = \beta_0 + (\beta_1 + \beta_3)x_1 + (\beta_2 + \beta_3)x_2 + u$$

3.2 Estimator OLS

$(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_k) \min \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_{1i} - b_2 x_{2i} - \dots - b_k x_{ki})^2 \implies$ OLS is the solution for this system of equations.

3.3 Algebraic Properties of OLS:

- $R^2 \uparrow$ when we add more explanatory variables
- partially out (get the effect of x_1 out of other x)
 - 1st: regress x_1 on all other x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k and get $x_1 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + \Omega$.
Get residuals $\hat{\Omega} = x_1 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k)$
 - 2nd: regress y_i on $\hat{\Omega}_i \implies y_i = r_0 + r_1 \hat{\Omega}_i + v_i$. Thus $\hat{r}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\Omega}_i) y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\Omega}_i^2} = \hat{\beta}_1$
Interpretation of \hat{r}_1 : The variation of x_1 that cannot be explained by other explanatory variables, which is the part of x_1 that is uncorrelated with x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k

3.4 Statistical properties of OLS

Theorem 3.1. Under A1-A4, OLS is unbiased - $E[\hat{\beta}_j] = \beta_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$

3.4.1 Omitted Variable Bias

$$\begin{cases} y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + u \\ E[u|x_1, x_2] = 0 \end{cases}$$

But suppose you ignore x_2 and instead consider $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u$

E.g: Y = incidence of cancer, x_1 = coffee, x_2 = smoking

$$\begin{cases} x_2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + v \\ E[v|x_1] = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + v) + u$$

$$y = (\beta_0 + \beta_2 \alpha_0) + (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \alpha_1) x_1 + \beta_2 v + u$$

$$\implies y = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \Sigma$$

If $E[\Sigma|x_1] = 0 \implies$ OLS $\hat{\delta}_1$ for δ_1 is unbiased.

$E[\hat{\delta}_1] = \delta_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \cdot \alpha_1 > \beta_1$ i.e δ_1 is an biased estimator of β_1 .

3.4.2 MLR Assumption 5: Homoscedasticity

$$Var(u|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \sigma_u^2$$

Implication: $Var(y|x) = \sigma_u^2$

Theorem 3.2. Under A1-A5: $Var(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2][1-R_j^2]}$, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

When R_j^2 is the R^2 of the regression of X_j on all other x's.

3.5 Decision on Adding Explanatory Variables

Supposed we have $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$, should we divide u to $u = \beta_{k+1} x_{k+1} + v$ and get $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \beta_{k+1} x_{k+1} + v$?

Possibilities:

1. if $\beta_{k+1} = 0$, then we should **NOT INCLUDE** x_{k+1}
2. if $\beta_{k+1} \neq 0$ and x_{k+1} is uncorrelated with all other x's
 - Bias? There is no omitted variable bias problem here
 - Var? Note that $R_j^2 = 0 \wedge \sigma_u^2 \downarrow \implies Var(\hat{\beta}_1) \downarrow \implies$ not solving bias problem, but decrease the variance here.
 - **INCLUDE** x_{k+1}
3. if $\beta_{k+1} \neq 0$ and x_{k+1} is correlated with other x's

- Bias? Excluding x_{k+1} leads to omitted variable bias.
- Var? Note that $R_j^2 \uparrow \implies \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \uparrow \wedge \sigma_u^2 \downarrow \implies \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \downarrow \implies$ Unclear whether $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)$ increase or decrease

3.6 MLR Assumption 6: Normality

$$U \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2) \text{ conditional on } X$$

3.6.1 Implication

$$y = X\beta + u$$

$$y|x \sim N(X\beta, \sigma_u^2)$$

3.6.2 Sampling Distribution of OLS

Theorem 3.3. Under A1-A6: $\hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, \frac{\sigma_u^2}{[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2][1 - R_j^2]}) \implies \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)}} \sim N(0, 1)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

Note that:

$$\hat{\sigma}_u^2 = \frac{1}{n - k - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i)^2, \hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i \hat{\beta}$$

$$se(\hat{\beta}_j) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2][1 - R_j^2]}} = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)}$$

$$\implies \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim \tau(n - k - 1)$$

3.6.3 Confidence Interval

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim \tau(n - k - 1)$$

$$1 - \alpha = \Pr(-C \leq T \leq C)$$

$$= \Pr(\hat{\beta}_j - c \cdot se(\hat{\beta}_j) \leq \beta_j \leq \hat{\beta}_j + c \cdot se(\hat{\beta}_j))$$

$$\implies (1 - \alpha)\% \text{ CI is } [\hat{\beta}_j - c \cdot se(\hat{\beta}_j), \hat{\beta}_j + c \cdot se(\hat{\beta}_j)]$$

4 T-Test

4.1 Hypothesis Testing

$$H_0 : \beta_j = \beta_j^o$$

$$H_1 : \beta_j \neq \beta_j^o$$

Two types of errors:

1. Reject H_0 when H_0 is true
2. Reject H_1 when H_1 is true

Trade off: $\downarrow \Pr(\text{Rej } H_0 | H_0) \implies \uparrow \Pr(\text{Rej } H_1 | H_1)$

Asymmetric: fix the $\Pr(\text{Rej } H_0 | H_0)$ at a very small level (Reject H_0 when there is strong evidence against it)

4.1.1 4 Steps of doing T-test

1. Fix the $\Pr(\text{Rej } H_0 | H_0)$ at some level, say α
2. Define a test-statistic: $T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim \tau(n - k - 1)$ if $\beta_j = \beta_j^0$. We have to know the distribution of test-stat under H_0
3. Define the rejection region: Rejection Region = $\{|T| > c\}$ where c is the critical value

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \Pr(\text{Rej } H_0 | H_0) = \Pr(|T| > c | H_0) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(-c \leq T \leq c | H_0 \text{ True}) \\ &\rightarrow \text{get critical value from the table of t-distribution}\end{aligned}$$

4. check

- calculate $T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)}$ in the sample
- compute that with critical value c and decide whether reject H_0 or not

4.1.2 P-value

P-value: given the observed value of the test-statistic, what is the **smallest** significance level (α) at which the null would be rejected?

Decrease p-value \implies The **greater** the evidence against H_0

5 F-Test

For $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$, the joint test for: last q coefficients are zero

$$H_0 : \beta_{k-q+1} = 0, \beta_{k-q+2} = 0, \dots, \beta_k = 0$$

H_1 : at least one of them is not 0

Idea: Under H_0 , we have the restricted model: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_{k-q} x_{k-q} + u$

Recall: when exclude X 's from a regression $\downarrow R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST}$. We can build a test-statistic based on by how much SSR increase.

5.0.1 F-test Test Statistic

$$F = \frac{(SSR_R - SSR_{UR})/q}{SSR_{UR}/(n - k - 1)} \sim F(q, n - k - 1)$$

6 Conclusion in Model Assumptions

6.1 Data Assumption

A3: IID Data

A4: No perfect linearity

6.2 $E[Y|X] = X\beta$

$$E[Y|X] = X\beta \iff \begin{cases} A1 & : Y = X\beta + u \\ A2 & : E[u|X] = 0 \end{cases}$$

6.3 $Var(Y|X) = \sigma_u^2$

$$Var(Y|X) = \sigma_u^2 \iff \begin{cases} A1 & : Y = X\beta + u \\ A2 & : E[u|X] = 0 \\ A5 & : Var[u|X] = \sigma_u^2 \end{cases}$$

6.4 $Y|X \sim N(X\beta, \sigma_u^2)$

$$Y|X \sim N(X\beta, \sigma_u^2) \iff \begin{cases} A1 & : Y = X\beta + u \\ A2 & : E[u|X] = 0 \\ A5 & : Var[u|X] = \sigma_u^2 \\ A6 & : u|X \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2) \end{cases}$$

6.5 OLS unbiased

$$\text{OLS unbiased} \iff \begin{cases} A1 & : Y = X\beta + u \\ A2 & : E[u|X] = 0 \\ A3 & : \text{IID Data} \\ A4 & : \text{No perfect linearity} \end{cases}$$

6.6 OLS is BLUE, $\hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, \frac{\sigma_u^2}{[\sum(x_{ij}-\bar{x}_j)^2](1-R_j^2)})$

$$\text{OLS is BLUE, } \hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, \frac{\sigma_u^2}{[\sum(x_{ij}-\bar{x}_j)^2](1-R_j^2)}) \iff \begin{cases} A1 & : Y = X\beta + u \\ A2 & : E[u|X] = 0 \\ A3 & : \text{IID Data} \\ A4 & : \text{No perfect linearity} \\ A5 & : \text{Var}[u|X] = \sigma_u^2 \end{cases}$$

7 STATA Output

Source	ss	df	MS
Model	SSE	k	SSE/k
Residual	SSR	n-k-1	SSR/n-k-1 = σ_u^2
Total	SST = SSE+SSR = $\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2$		SST/n-1

8 Asymptotics

Why care?

Since $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma_u^2)$ and IID Data $\implies \bar{x} = N(\mu, \sigma_u^2/n), \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i$.

When $x \not\sim$ Normal, $\implies \bar{x} \not\sim N \implies T = \frac{\bar{x}-\mu}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{x})}} \not\sim N(0,1) \wedge T = \frac{\bar{x}-\mu}{\sqrt{\sigma_u^2/n}} \not\sim \tau(n-1) \implies$ we cannot do CI and T or F testing.

Solution: Use asymptotic theory(or "large samples")

Same problem/Solution for linear regression models: What if A6 unsatisfied that $u|x \not\sim N$?

8.1 Consistency

Definition 8.1. $\hat{\theta}_n$ is a consistent estimator of θ if for every $\epsilon > 0, Pr(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| < \epsilon) \rightarrow 1$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$

Notation: $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta_n$

8.1.1 Law of large number

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be iid with mean $\mu = E[x]$

Then $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \xrightarrow{P} E[x] = \mu$ Intuition: $\text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

8.1.2 Properties

Let $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta \wedge \hat{\alpha}_n \xrightarrow{P} \alpha$

- $\hat{\theta}_n + \hat{\alpha}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta + \alpha$
- $\hat{\theta}_n \cdot \hat{\alpha}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta \cdot \alpha$
- $\hat{\theta}_n / \hat{\alpha}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta / \alpha$ provided $\alpha \neq 0$
- $g(\hat{\theta}_n) \xrightarrow{P} g(\theta)$ provided that $g(\cdot)$ is a continuous function

8.2 Consistency of $\hat{\beta}_j$ in Regression Model

Theorem 8.1. Under A1-A4, OLS is consistent. i.e $\hat{\beta}_j \xrightarrow{P} \beta_j$ for $j=1,2,\dots,k$

Proof. Since $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \beta_1 + \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

we rewrite the **numerator** as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})u_i &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - E(x_i) + E(x_i) - \bar{x})u_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - E(x_i))u_i + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (E(x_i) - \bar{x})u_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - E(x_i))u_i + (E(x_i) - \bar{x}) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \end{aligned}$$

by A3 iid Data, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X \xrightarrow{P} EX$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})u_i &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - E(x_i))u_i + (E(x_i) - \bar{x}) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \\ &\xrightarrow{P} E[(x - E(x))u] + (E(x) - \bar{x}) \frac{1}{n} E(u) \\ &= E[(x - E(x))(u - E(u))] + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{n} E(u) \\ &= cov(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

and the **denominator** can be rewrite as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 + \bar{x}^2 - 2x_i\bar{x}] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\bar{x})^2 \end{aligned}$$

by A3 iid Data, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X \xrightarrow{P} EX$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 &\xrightarrow{P} E[x^2] \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x})^2 &\xrightarrow{P} [E(x)]^2 \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 &= E[x^2] - [E(x)]^2 = Var(x) \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, under the A3 iid Data assumption, we can imply that

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \xrightarrow{p} \beta_1 + \frac{\text{cov}(x, u)}{\text{Var}(x)}$$

□

8.3 Asymptotic Distribution

Definition 8.2. Let $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, \dots\}$ be a sequence of random variables s.t for all Z $Pr(Z_n \leq z) = F_{Z_n}(z) \rightarrow F_Z(z) = Pr(Z \leq z)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we say F_Z is the asymptotic distribution of Z_n

Notation: $Z_n \overset{a}{\sim} Z$ or $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$

If $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ then we denote $Z_n \overset{a}{\sim} N(0, 1)$

8.3.1 Central limit theorem

let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample with mean μ and variance $\sigma^2 \implies \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}}$

Theorem 8.2. Under A1-A5

- $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)}} \overset{a}{\sim} N(0, 1)$
- $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \overset{a}{\sim} N(0, 1)$
- usual CI, T-test, F-tests are asymptotically valid.

9 Heteroskedasticity(Assumption 5 unsatisfied)

$\text{Var}(u|x) \neq \sigma_u^2 \implies$

- from A1-A5 cannot imply the formula: $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{[\sum (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2](1-R_j^2)}$
- OLS is not guaranteed to be BLUE

Note that if A5 is wrong but you use the T-stat to construct test and CI, then: The test and CI are invalid.

9.1 Het-Robust SE

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_1 &= \beta_1 + \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\ \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \frac{1}{[\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^2} \cdot \text{Var}(\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{[\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot \text{Var}(u_i|x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Take $Var(u_i|x_i) = \sigma_i^2$

Problem: we would have to estimate all β 's and all σ_i^2 , Halbut White noticed that

$$\begin{aligned} Var(u|x) &= E[u^2|x] - (E[u|x])^2 \\ &= E[u^2|x] \\ \widehat{Var(\hat{\beta}_1)} &= \frac{1}{[\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot (\hat{u}_i)^2 \text{ when } \hat{u}_i = y - x_i\hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that $\widehat{Var(\hat{\beta}_1)}$ is a consistent estimator of $Var(\hat{\beta}_j) \implies T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\widehat{Var(\hat{\beta}_1)}}} \underset{a}{\sim} N(0, 1)$

9.2 Generalized Least Squares(GLS)

$$Var(u|x) = \sigma_u^2 \cdot h(x)$$

$h(x)$ has to be positive and known

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_u^2 h(x) &= Var(u|x) = E[u^2|x] - E[u|x]^2 = E[u^2|x] - 0 \\ \implies \sigma_u^2 &= \frac{E[u^2|x]}{h(x)} = E\left[\frac{u^2}{h(x)}|x\right] = E\left[\frac{u}{\sqrt{h(x)}}|x\right] \\ &= E[(u^*)^2|x] = Var(u^*|x) \\ y \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}} &= \beta_0 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}} + \beta_1 x_1 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}} + \dots + \beta_k x_k \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}} + u \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}} \\ \implies y^* &= \beta_0 x_0^* + \beta_1 x_1^* + \dots + \beta_k x_k^* + u^* \end{aligned}$$

while $x_0^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(x)}}$ and $Var(u^*|x) = \sigma_u^2$

OLS applied to the transformed model is BLUE.

9.3 Testing Heteroskedasticity

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : Var(u|x) &= \sigma_u^2 \iff E[u^2|x] = \sigma_u^2 \\ H_1 : Var(u|x) &\neq \sigma_u^2 \end{aligned}$$

STEPS:

- Regress Y on X and get $\hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i\hat{\beta}$
- Estimate the regression i.e to see whether the residual is correlated with explanatory variables: $\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + (\text{Interacting Terms}) + v$
- F-test: $H_0 : \delta_0 = \delta_1 = \dots = \delta_k = 0$

10 Instrumental Variables

Endogeneity: when $cov(x, u) \neq 0 \implies$ OLS is inconsistent. This can be caused by :

- omitted variable biased
- measurement error
- simultaneity (i.e X can cause Y but Y also cause X)
- sample selection

10.1 Solution of Instrumental Variable in Simple Regression

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u, cov(x, u) \neq 0$$

Assumption: Z is observed and is s.t

- $cov(z, u) = 0$ i.e Valid Instrumental Variable
- $cov(x, z) \neq 0$ i.e Relevant Instrumental Variable

We call Z an instrumental variable

E.g $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u$

y = wage/income

x = education

u = unobserved ability

- What if Z = SIN $\implies cov(SIN, u) = 0, cov(SIN, x) = 0 \implies$ violate relevant assumption
- What if Z = IQ $\implies cov(IQ, u) \neq 0, cov(IQ, x) \neq 0 \implies$ violate valid assumption and good proxies are bad IV's
- What if Z = Parents' education $\implies cov(z, u) \neq 0, cov(z, x) \neq 0 \implies$ violate valid assumption
- What if Z = number of siblings $\implies cov(z, u) \neq 0, cov(z, x) \neq 0 \implies$ violate valid assumption
- What if Z = tuition subsidies $\implies cov(z, u) = 0$ (depends on how subsidies are allocated), $cov(z, x) \neq 0$

Bottom line: need to discuss

- $cov(x, u) \neq 0$
- $cov(z, u) = 0$
- $cov(x, z) \neq 0$

10.2 Instrumental Variable Estimator

10.2.1 Assumptions

- A1: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$
- A2': $\text{cov}(z, u) = 0$
- A4': $\text{cov}(z, x) \neq 0$
- A3': iid data $\{(y_i, z_i, x_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

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Step1:

$$\begin{aligned} E[y] &= E[\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u] \\ \implies E[y] &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 E[x] + E[u] \\ \implies E[y] \cdot E[Z] &= \beta_0 E[Z] + \beta_1 E[x]E[Z] + E[u]E[Z] \end{aligned}$$

Step2:

$$\begin{aligned} yZ &= \beta_0 Z + \beta_1 xZ + uZ \\ \implies E[yZ] &= \beta_0 E[Z] + \beta_1 E[xZ] + E[uZ] \end{aligned}$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$\begin{aligned} E[yZ] - E[y]E[Z] &= \beta_0 E[Z] - \beta_0 E[Z] + \beta_1 E[xZ] - \beta_1 E[x]E[Z] + E[uZ] - E[u]E[Z] \\ \text{cov}(y, Z) &= \beta_1 \text{cov}(x, Z) + \text{cov}(u, Z) \\ \implies \beta_1 &= \frac{\text{cov}(y, Z)}{\text{cov}(x, Z)} - \frac{\text{cov}(u, Z)}{\text{cov}(x, Z)} \\ \implies \beta_1 &= \frac{\text{cov}(y, Z)}{\text{cov}(x, Z)} \end{aligned}$$

10.3 Proposed Estimator

use the sample analogs:

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{IV} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(x_i - \bar{x})}$$

Consistency?: Under A1, A2', A3', A4'

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{IV} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{\text{cov}(z, y)}{\text{cov}(z, x)} = \beta_1$$

$cov(z, u) \neq 0 \implies IV$ is inconsistent

Bias?:

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}] &= E\left[\frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(x_i - \bar{x})}\right] \\ &\neq \frac{E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(y_i - \bar{y})\right]}{E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(x_i - \bar{x})\right]} = \frac{cov(z, y)}{cov(z, x)} = \beta_1 \\ &\implies \hat{\beta}_1^{IV} \text{ is biased} \end{aligned}$$

10.4 Variance of $\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}$

A5': $Var(u|z) = \sigma_u^2$

$$\begin{aligned} Var(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) &= \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n\sigma_x^2\rho_{xz}^2} \\ \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) &= \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 R_{xz}^2} \end{aligned}$$

while R_{xz}^2 is the R^2 obtained by regressing x on z .

Under A1, A2'-A5':

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1^{IV} - \beta_1}{\sqrt{\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV})}} \underset{a}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

\implies usual T-test, F-test, CI are asymptotically valid.

There exists Het-robust se for $\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}$

10.5 Compare OLS and IV

Case 1:

If $cov(x, u) = 0$ and $cov(z, u) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\beta}_{OLS} \xrightarrow{p} \hat{\beta} \wedge \hat{\beta}_{IV} \xrightarrow{p} \beta \\ \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{OLS}) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 R_{xz}^2} = \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) \text{ Homos Case} \\ \implies \text{use OLS!} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2:

If $cov(x, u) \neq 0$ and $cov(z, u) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\beta}_{OLS} \not\xrightarrow{p} \hat{\beta} \wedge \hat{\beta}_{IV} \xrightarrow{p} \beta \\ \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{OLS}) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 R_{xz}^2} = \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) \\ \implies \text{use IV!} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Case 3:

If $cov(x, u) \neq 0$ and $cov(z, u) \neq 0$

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} \xrightarrow{p} \beta + \frac{cov(x, u)}{Var(x)}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{IV} \xrightarrow{p} \beta + \frac{cov(z, u)}{cov(z, x)}$$

Even if $|cov(z, u)| < |cov(x, u)|$, if $cov(z, x)$ is very small $\implies |\frac{cov(x, u)}{Var(x)}| < |\frac{cov(z, u)}{cov(z, x)}|$ in which OLS would be better.

But in general, it is unclear which one is better.

10.6 Weak Instruments

when $cov(z, x)$ is small, we say the instrument z is weak.

10.6.1 problems from weak IVs

- $\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 R_{xz}^2}$, $R_{xz}^2 \approx 0 \implies \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV}) \uparrow$
- $T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1^{IV} - \beta_1}{\sqrt{\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{IV})}} \not\sim N(0, 1) \implies$ usuals CI, T, R are invalid
- if $cov(z, u) \neq 0 \implies \hat{\beta}_1^{IV} = \beta + \frac{cov(z, u)}{cov(z, x)}$ is big.

10.6.2 Rule of Thumb

How do we detect weak IV?

Regress X on Z , and get the F-Stat

$$F - stat < 10 \implies Z \text{ is a weak IV}$$

$$F - stat \geq 10 \implies Z \text{ is a strong IV}$$

10.7 General Case of IV

Structural Equation

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z_1 + \beta_3 z_2 + \cdots + \beta_k z_{k-1} + u$$

- x is endogenous regression ($cov(x, u) \neq 0$)
- z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{k-1} are exogenous regression ($cov(z_j, u) = 0, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k-1$)
- z_k, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_q are instrumental variables ($cov(z_j, u) = 0, \text{ for } j = k, \dots, q$)
- $z = (z_1, \dots, z_{k-1}, z_k, \dots, z_q)$ is exogenous

Reduced from Equation: $(cov(z_j, v) = 0)$ i.e write an endogenous variable in terms of exogenous variables.

$$x = \pi_0 + \pi_1 z_1 + \pi_2 z_2 + \cdots + \pi_q z_q + v = z\pi + v$$

IDEA: Problem: $cov(x, u) \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\neq cov(x, u) = cov(z\pi + v, u) \\ &= cov(\pi_0 + \pi_1 x_1 + \cdots + \pi_q z_q + v, u) \\ &= \pi_1 cov(z_1, u) + \pi_2 cov(z_2, u) + \cdots + \pi_q cov(z_q, u) + cov(v, u) \\ &= cov(v, u) \end{aligned}$$

10.8 2 Stages Least Squares(2SLS)

1st stage: Regress x on all z 's (z_1, \dots, z_q) and get $\hat{x}_i = z_i \hat{\pi}$

2nd stage: Regress y on x_i and all exogenous regressors z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{k-1} (no IV included)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z_1 + \cdots + \beta_k z_{k-1} + u \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 (z\pi + v) + \beta_2 z_1 + \cdots + \beta_k z_{k-1} + u \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 (\pi_0 + \pi_1 x_1 + \cdots + \pi_q z_q + v) + \beta_2 z_1 + \cdots + \beta_k z_{k-1} + u \\ \implies y &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \pi_0) + (\beta_1 \pi_1 + \beta_2) z_1 + \cdots + (\beta_1 \pi_{k-1} + \beta_k) z_{k-1} \\ &\quad + (\beta_1 \pi_k) z_k + \cdots + (\beta_1 \pi_q) z_q + (\beta_1 v + u) \\ y &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z_1 + \cdots + \alpha_q z_q + \epsilon \\ x &= \pi_0 + \pi_1 z_1 + \cdots + \pi_q z_q + v \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \beta_1 \pi_1 + \beta_2 \\ \alpha_2 &= \beta_1 \pi_2 + \beta_3 \end{aligned}$$

For $z_k : \alpha_k = \beta_1 \pi_k \implies \beta_1 = \frac{\alpha_k}{\pi_k}$

For $z_{k+1} : \beta_1 = \frac{\alpha_{k+1}}{\pi_{k+1}}$

10.9 Exogeneity Test

Want to test $cov(x, u) = 0$

Problem: Cannot use OLS to test this. Recall sample covariance between x_i and $\hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i \hat{\beta}$ is zero by construction $\sum x_i \hat{u}_i = 0$

But can use a valid instrument to test it.

Idea:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

$$x = \pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v$$

$$\text{cov}(z, u) = \text{cov}(z, v) = 0$$

Recall: $0 \neq \text{cov}(x, u) = \text{cov}(v, u)$ (because $\text{cov}(z, v) = 0$), take $u = \delta v + e$ so that if $\text{cov}(x, u) \neq 0, \delta \neq 0 \implies y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \delta v + e$

Steps:

- Regress x on z (OLS) and get $\hat{v}_i = x_i - z_i \hat{\pi}$
- Regress y_i on x_i and \hat{v}_i (OLS)
- Test $H_0 : \delta = 0$ vs $H_1 : \delta \neq 0$ (use a t-test)

Observation:

- called control function
- control function and 2SLS are numerically equivalent
- This depends on $\text{cov}(z, u) = 0$

Problem: Cannot use IV estimator to test $\text{cov}(z, u) = 0$. In the data, the covariance between z_i and \hat{u}_i is zero by construction $\sum_{i=1}^n z_i \hat{u}_i = 0, \hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i \hat{\beta}^{IV}$

10.9.1 Over-Identification Test

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + v$$

$$x = \pi_0 + \pi_1 z_1 + \pi_2 z_2 + v$$

$$\text{cov}(z_1, u) = \text{cov}(z_2, u) = \text{cov}(z_1, v) = \text{cov}(z_2, v) = 0$$

IDEA If you run 2SLS using z_1 only, $\implies \tilde{\beta}_1^{IV}$

If you run 2SLS using z_2 only, $\implies \check{\beta}_1^{IV}$

Thus under the assumption that both z_1 and z_2 are valid IVs. We should have $\tilde{\beta}_1^{IV} \approx \check{\beta}_1^{IV}$

If they are very different, then either z_1 or z_2 or both z_1 and z_2 are invalid.

Key: is to test the distance between, if the difference is too big, then reject.

1. Estimate structural equation using all IV's and get \hat{u}_i
2. Regress \hat{u}_i on all exogenous variables (using OLS) and get R^2

3. Under $H_0 : NR^2 \sim \chi_q^2$ where $q = \text{number of estimators} = \text{number of endogenous regressors}$, $N = \text{number of observations}$ (number of IV should be greater or equal to the number of endogenous x 's. Each endo x 's should have at least one related IV)

Bad News:

1. If you have one IV, then you cannot test if $\text{cov}(z, u) = 0$
2. If you have more IV's than endo regressors, you can run the over-ID test. But if you reject H_0 , then you know something is wrong (either z_1 is invalid or z_2 is invalid or both are invalid) but you don't know which one is invalid (no guidance for what to do next).
3. If you don't reject H_0 (no evidence that something is wrong), that doesn't guarantee that both IVs are valid (they can both be invalid and delivers similar estimates $\tilde{\beta}_1^{IV} \approx \check{\beta}_1^{IV}$)